






HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HUMPBACK WHALE NATIONAL  
MARINE SANCTUARY  
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# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## In return for your service you receive

-  Free training
-  Enrichment opportunities
-  Documented recognition of service and letters of recommendation upon request
-  Service recognition pins (5+ years), and appreciation events
-  The satisfaction of working with professionals in exciting and rewarding programs!

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**DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS AND EXPERIENCES, HELP FULFILL THE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY'S MISSION:**

**THROUGH EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND RESOURCE PROTECTION ACTIVITIES, THE SANCTUARY STRIVES TO PROTECT HUMPBACK WHALES AND THEIR HABITAT IN HAWAII.**

**VOLUNTEERS FAR OUTNUMBER EMPLOYEES, AND ASSIST IN ACCOMPLISHING OUR MISSION. BY LEARNING MORE ABOUT HAWAII'S MARINE ENVIRONMENT, AND BY SHARING THAT KNOWLEDGE WITH OTHERS, THEY CAN HELP PRESERVE AND PROTECT OUR ISLAND ENVIRONMENT. WE HAVE AN ARRAY OF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TO MATCH YOUR INTERESTS AND SKILLS.**

### VISITOR CENTER DOCENTS

Docents help staff the Sanctuary Education Center by greeting visitors and providing information about the sanctuary, humpback whales and other protected species. Docents also assist with special events and programs held at the Education Center.



### OUTREACH INTERPRETERS

Volunteers provide offsite education about the unique marine life found in sanctuary waters to thousands of local residents, tourists, and school children annually. Outreach volunteers represent the sanctuary at community outreach events, beaches, boardwalks, overlooks, and at participating hotels, whale watch boats and resorts. Volunteers facilitate hands-on activities and actively engage the public using props, models, research tools and other sanctuary outreach materials.



### CITIZEN SCIENTISTS—WATER QUALITY MONITORING

Volunteers conduct hands-on field-based scientific investigations and long term monitoring programs. As a trained volunteer you will collect important data and learn more about our local marine ecosystems which could include participation in reef fish counts, water quality monitoring and with the native Ko'ie'ie fishpond site at the sanctuary.

### EDUCATION PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Volunteers assist sanctuary education staff with interactive educational lessons. Local kindergarten, elementary, junior and senior high school students are educated on or off site at local schools. Students participate in activities on humpback whale and sea turtle biology and behavior, *limu* (seaweed) and plankton labs, intertidal zone and tidepool lessons, dissections, and cultural classes at the on-site, traditional fishpond.



### LANDSCAPING AND ADMINISTRATION

Volunteers help to beautify the grounds and nurture native plants. They provide office support and handle the volunteer scheduling. They assist staff with management of the volunteer cadre and provide advice for training, volunteer programs and other volunteer support.

### AND MORE...

Turtle Stranding Program  
Whale Rescue Program



If you are 18 years or older and have skills to share or want to develop new ones, call 879-2818 x21, or detach this panel and return via mail, or email [nancy.daschbach@noaa.gov](mailto:nancy.daschbach@noaa.gov)

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